

## Interested in knowing about more Communities?

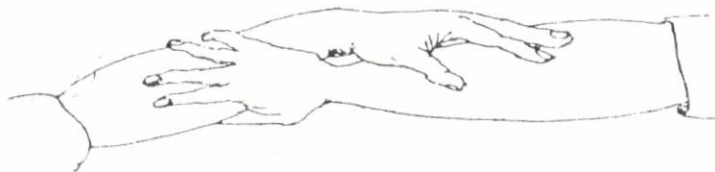
Try the Communities Directory! In it you'll find descriptions of over 600 North American and 100 international communities. Their structure, beliefs, missions, visions of the future, and contact information are all listed for you.

### Among the things the directory has to offer are:

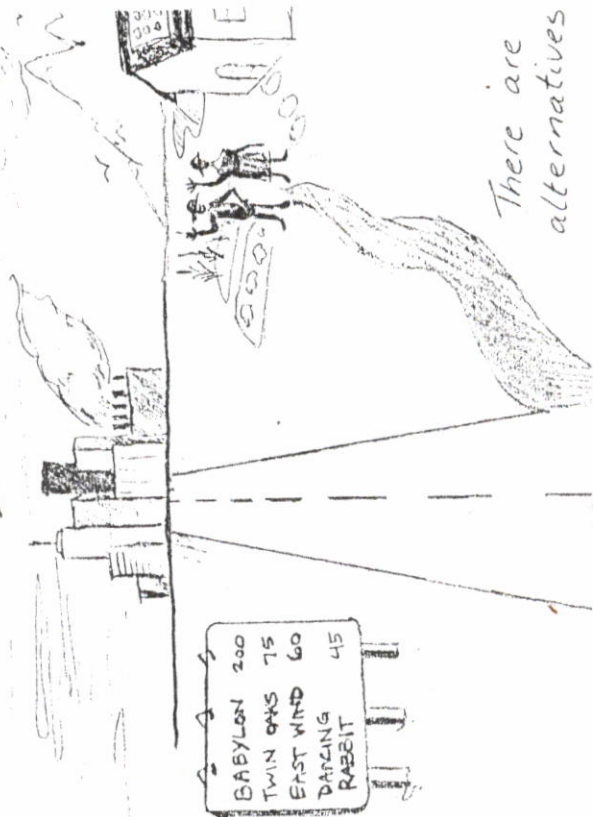
- **Articles** ~ over 33 articles that cover compelling community issues, with over 70 photos and illustrations.
- **Maps** ~ 10 pages of maps that show the location of every North American community
- **Charts** ~ Looking for a rural income-sharing ecovillage? A vegetarian spiritual community? The charts will show you in a flash which communities match your needs and desires.
- **Reading List** ~ An annotated collection of over 300 of the most important books to community-minded people.

*Here is how to order a directory:*

Contact FIC, 138 Twin Oaks Rd, Louisa, VA 23093 or  
call 800-462-8240 or 540-894-5798 or order through the  
secure website at [www.ic.org](http://www.ic.org)



Exit Babylon

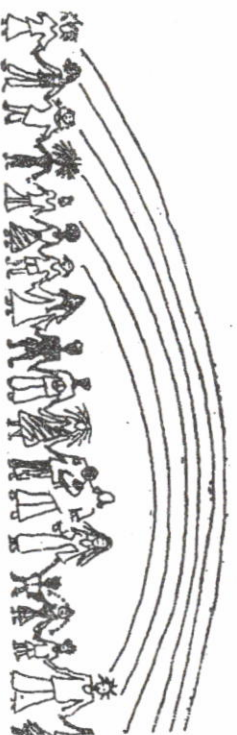


Imagine a place where

*we create our own culture  
grow our own food  
build our own buildings  
work without bosses  
strive for sustainability*

a place where

*we don't use money and receive no bills  
there are almost no locks and keys  
people are not afraid to walk alone at night*



these places exist

**Do you want to know more?**

**Twin Oaks**

138 Twin Oaks Road  
Louisa, VA 23093

540-894-5126

Email~ [living@twin Oaks.org](mailto:living@twin Oaks.org)

Website~ [www.twin Oaks.org](http://www.twin Oaks.org)

**Dancing Rabbit/Sky House**

1-2 K Dancing Rabbit Lane  
Rutledge, MO 63563

660-883-5511

660-883-5553

Email~ [dancingrabbit@ic.org](mailto:dancingrabbit@ic.org)

Website~ [www.dancingrabbit.org](http://www.dancingrabbit.org)

**East Wind**

Box CD-00

Tecumseh, MO 65760

417-679-4682

Email~ [visit@eastwind.org](mailto:visit@eastwind.org)

Website~ [www.eastwind.org](http://www.eastwind.org)



## Don't drop in!

If people you didn't know showed up in your living room and said: "We were in the area so we decided to stop by and stay for a few days", it might not fit exactly with your plans. All these communities are homes for the people who live there, yet dozens to hundreds of people come thru every year to see them. We need to organize those visits to make it work well for us. Each community has slightly different cultures around guesting and visiting. The best thing to do is contact the communities you are interested in and find out how to visit gracefully. Use the information on the following page to get in touch.

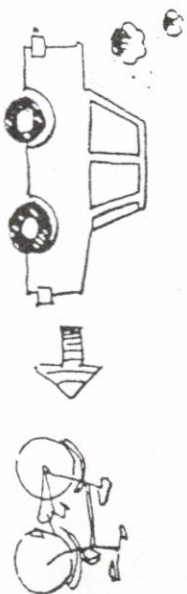
















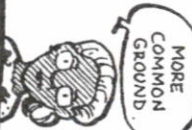
*and you could live there*



The intentional communities movement is alive and well and living mostly outside the gaze of the mainstream media (perhaps you're not surprised). Generally speaking, communities are a way of living which values relationships over individual material possessions and creating culture over simply consuming it. This little "fingerbook" describes several communities that are fairly radical in their internal agreements as contrasted to mainstream society. They are non-violent, cooperative, income sharing, egalitarian land trusts.

If you want more information about the broader network of over 725 communities of all types, check out the back cover of this booklet for contact info.

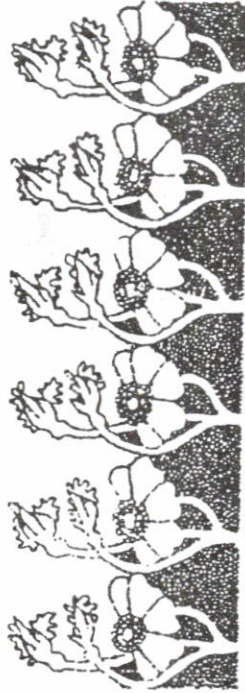


MEMBERS WERE ASKED: WHAT'S THE ONE THING THAT CAN ASSURE SINCERITY WILL THRIVE AS A UNIQUE COMMUNITY FOR ANOTHER 25 YEARS?				
 MORE COMPUTERS.	 A TOTAL BAN ON COMPUTERS.	 LESS RELIANCE ON ANIMAL AGRICULTURE.	 MORE MEAT.	
 MORE TRADITIONAL MARRIAGES.	 MORE GAY MEN.	 MORE FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS.	 NO MORE DIPPY MEETINGS.	
 REPLACING OUR CARS WITH BIKES AND HORSES.	 REPLACING OUR OLD CARS WITH NEWER CARS.	 MORE PERSONAL SPACE + MONEY.	 LESS PRIVATIZATION OF RESOURCES.	
 MORE POLICIES.	 LESS RULES.	 MORE COMMON GROUND.	 MORE DIVERSITY.	



## East Wind

East Wind is a 75 member collective located on 1,045 acres of rural Ozark Hills in southern Missouri. We are a member of the Federation of Egalitarian Communities, and as such, put great value in cooperation, nonviolence, and sharing. We also strive to practice sustainability and ecological consciousness. Our membership is very diverse, we have no central leadership, and we practice democracy. Our work lives are busy and varied, but we always find time to just relax and enjoy community meals, music jams, and Ozark sunsets. Our land is one of a kind, very rural, and filled with all sorts of wildlife. We encourage individuality and diversity in our members.



**Why Community?** Everyone has a somewhat different answer to this question. For some it is finding the clan or tribe which is more permanent than fans following their favorite band or more real than internet acquaintances. For some it is about living and working together, living closer to and more lightly on the earth. Many are seeking a model of a better way - stepping out of consumer society and taking responsibility for creating a new culture and post-nuclear family, if you will.

**It is not paradise**, and some of your problems will follow you and you may well find some new ones. Living in community is often hard work, but for those who stay it is the right work.



The places described in the following pages are part of a small network of communities\* which attempts to meet all the basic needs (plus some of the non-basic desires) of the members through sharing income and resources.

**Trash the punch clock.** These communities run their own businesses; and members have a large amount of control over their own schedules. Members make an agreement with the community that they will work a certain number of hours for the community and the community will support their living needs.

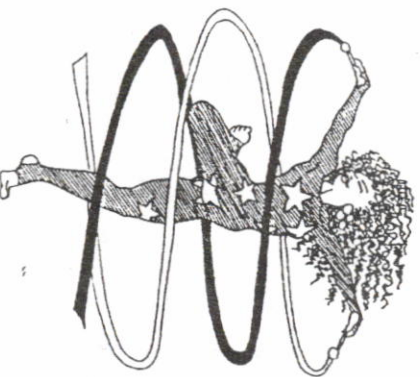
**Lose your wallet?** Typically, we do not use money internally. It is free to join any of these communities, though there is often a small fee (like \$50 – sliding scale) for joining the visitor programs.

**Retire your keys.** These are trust-based communities, with as few locks as we can get by with.

★ This network is the Federation of Egalitarian Communities (FEC). There are 8 federation communities in the US and several more "communities in dialog" which subscribe to similar principals. visit them at [www.thefec.org](http://www.thefec.org)

In addition to being a wonderful home, Dancing Rabbit is a model for social change. Outreach and education are integral to our goals. Rather than isolating ourselves from the mainstream United States, we promote ourselves as a viable example of sustainable living and share our discoveries and ideas.

If you are interested in Dancing Rabbit, write to us to arrange a visit or receive our newsletter. We have internships available, so write to us for an application. We are actively seeking new members and are excited about our future; together we can build our dreams!!



## Dancing Rabbit

At Dancing Rabbit (DR), we understand how difficult it can be to live sustainably and responsibly while enmeshed within modern US culture. We believe that together we can break free and create our world as we want it to be. We are living our dream now, building an ecovillage where a diverse group of people can live in an ecologically sound way and show the world a real example of life in harmony with the Earth.

In 1997 our land trust purchased 280 acres of rolling hills in northeastern Missouri. We are now deep into a pioneering phase: putting up buildings while planning and developing community systems and structures. Our members social and economic needs are met primarily on-site and locally, with an increasing emphasis on an internal economy, supporting barter and other forms of exchange. We hope that someday we will have up to 1,000 people living in our small ecotown with businesses and homes surrounding the village green.



## Twin Oaks

We are about 100 people (including 16 kids) living on 450 acres in rural Virginia. Since the community's beginning in 1967, our way of life has reflected our values of cooperation, sharing, nonviolence, equality, and ecology.

We do not have a group religion; our beliefs are diverse. We do not have a central leader; we govern ourselves by using a system of shared responsibility among various managers, planners, and teams.

We are economically self-sufficient and income sharing. Our hammocks and chair business generates most of our income; indexing books and making tofu provide most of the rest. The rest of our work balances between organic gardening, milking cows, equipment and building maintenance, office work, cooking, child care, and much more. Our work schedules are very flexible.





We use a trust-based labor system in which all work is valued equally. Its purpose is to organize work and share it equitably, giving each member as much flexibility and choice as possible. Work is not seen as just a means to an end; we try to make it an enjoyable part of our lives.

Twin Oaks has developed an elaborate community culture. Our everyday lives include many recreational activities—social and support groups, performances, music, games, dances, and art. Our culture values tolerance, diversity and sustainable living. We share our vehicles, we build our own buildings, and we have little internal use of money.

Some of us work actively for peace and justice, ecology, and feminism. Also, each summer we are hosts to a Women's Gathering and a Communities conference where we welcome both experienced communarians, and those who are new to community living.

